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SUBJECT: CEYLONESE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH
UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

1. CEYLONESE FOREIGN AND DEFENSE SECRETARY JAYASINGHE MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB APRIL 7 IN THE COURSE OF HIS CURRENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. SRI LANKA AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE AND NEA DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY DUBS WERE ALSO PRESENT. DISCUSSION COVERED INDO-SRI LANKA RELATIONS, INDIAN OCEAN TALKS AT MOSCOW, AND OTHER
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SUBJECTS.

2. INDO.CEYLONESE RELATIONS. JAYASINGHE NOTED THAT THE DEFEAT OF THE GANDHI GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN TOTALLY UNEXPECTED BY THE GSL AND THAT QTE THE IMMEDIATE IMPACT IS NOT ALL THAT GOOD UNQTE. GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND SRI LANKA ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE LATTER, HOWEVER,

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AND JAYASINGHE NOTED THE CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL EXPERIENCE
OF MOST JANATA LEADERS. JAYASINGHE EXPRESSED THE
CEYLONESE HOPE FOR A STRONG CENTER IN NEW DELHI,
STATING THAT TAMIL SEPARATISTS IN SRI LANKA HAVE TIES
WITH SOUTH INDIAN TAMIL EXPANSIONISTS WHO DREAM OF A
GREATER TAMIL BLOC SPANNING INDIA, SRI LANKA AND MALAYSIA.

SRI LANKA, HE ADDED, HAS NO QUARREL WITH NORTH INDIA;
ONLY WITH THE SOUTH, AND A STRONG GOVERNMENT IN NEW DELHI
IS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE TAMILS IN THE SOUTH IN CHECK.

3. INDIAN OCEAN. RESPONDING TO A QUERY FROM JAYASINGHE
ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE MOSCOW TALKS ON THE INDIAN OCEAN
MILITARY RESTRAINT ISSUE, HABIB STATED THAT THE SECRETARY
HAD RAISED IT IN A VERY PRELIMINARY WAY TO SEE IF THE
RUSSIANS WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT. BOTH SIDES
AGREED TO INITIATE TALKS AT THE WORKING LEVEL, PRIMARILY
TO DISCUSS WHAT IS MEANT BY MUTUAL RESTRAINT. SUCH FURTHER
TALKS WITH THE RUSSIANS, HOWEVER, WILL ONLY FOLLOW THE DE-
TAILED REFINEMENT OF OUR POSTURE AND EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION
WITH FRIENDS AND ALLIES ALSO INTERESTED IN THE INDIAN
OCEAN ISSUE. ONLY AFTER OUR OWN PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN
FORMULATED FOLLOWING THOSE CONSULTATIONS CAN WE PROCEED TO
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN A U.S.-SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN WORKING
COMMITTEE.

4. HABIB STRESSED THAT NO TIMEFRAME EXISTED FOR THIS
PROCESS ALTHOUGH HE JUDGED THAT WE WOULD FRAME OUR VIEWS
IN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME AND THEN TALK TO THE SOVIETS.
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HABIB STATED THAT THE US WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT UNDER NO CON-
DITION WILL THERE BE A UNILATERAL U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE
INDIAN OCEAN. THE SOVIETS, HE NOTED, WOULD LIKE TO SEE
THE U.S. OUT OF DIEGO GARCIA WHILE REMAINING IN BERBERA.
IF THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT THAT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE
THERE CAN BE NO BASIS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION. INDEED,
OTHER PRESENCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE
CONSIDERED, AS WELL AS SUCH QUESTIONS AS DEFINING THE
INDIAN OCEAN, THE SCOPE AND TYPES OF MILITARY FORCES AND
OTHER KINDS OF MILITARY PRESENCES, ETC.

5. HABIB NOTED THAT THE U.S. AND USSR ARE AT THE VERY
BEGINNING OF A PROCESS BUT TOLD JAYASINGHE THAT IT APPEARED
CONSISTENT WITH SRI LANKA'S CONCEPT OF AN INDIAN OCEAN PEACE
ZONE EVEN IF IT DID NOT ACCEPT THE IOPZ POSITION. JAYASINGHE
AGREED AND REITERATED GSL SUPPORT FOR DIRECT U.S.-SOVIET
TALKS AIMED AT REDUCING INDIAN OCEAN MILITARY PRESENCES.
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